

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 733 - SB 906**

February 15, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (TFWC) to set by rule or proclamation the size, types, placement, and inspection requirements on steel traps used for taking wild animals, instead of such rules being set by statute. Eliminates cushion hold trap definition and special regulations pertaining to Dyer County.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on the information provided by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the proposed bill would provide the TFWC authority to set the manner and means for steel traps by rule or proclamation as it currently does with all other hunting and fishing activities across the state. Such rules will be established utilizing existing resources of the TFWC without a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Establishment of rules by the TFWC will not result in a significant effect on the activity of trapping in the state.
- The proposed bill does not authorize the TFWC to impose any additional fees on trappers; therefore, any impact on revenue to the TFWC will be not significant.
- The bill eliminates the current prohibition that applies to Dyer County regarding setting snare traps for the purpose of catching or killing wild animals. Removing this prohibition will not significantly increase trapping activity in the state, or any revenue or expenditures associated with the TFWC's regulation of such activity.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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